



**Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development  
Alaska Workforce Investment Board**

**Executive Director's Report  
November 16, 2007**

**October AWIB Meeting**

The last AWIB meeting was held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Fairbanks and a variety of topics were reviewed by the board including:

- an ethics briefing from Department of Law for board members;
- a presentation on the Governor's Career Readiness Certificate and Work Ready/College Ready Initiative from the Department of Education and Early Development and Labor and Workforce Development staff;
- a mining industry panel and health care industry panel in recognition of the workforce development needs of these priority industries;
- an assessment of the Construction Training Plan adopted by the AWIB in April 2006 and a copy of the draft health care industry and transportation training plans that were developed in prior years for review by the AWIB for further development;
- a presentation on Registered Apprenticeship from Gerry Andrews, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's new Apprenticeship Coordinator and John Hakala from the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship;
- a presentation of the AGIA Training Strategic Planning Document from the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development that is being developed by the Department with input from a Steering Committee comprised of representatives from industry, education, and labor with input and recommendations from the AWIB Ad Hoc Committee;
- an Exemplary Performance award was presented to Nine Star Enterprises by Chair Baker and Commissioner Bishop in recognition of exceeding all of the WIA Youth core performance measures by 10% for program year 2005;
- an election was held for Chair and Vice-Chair, with Andy Baker elected as Chair and David Stone as Vice-Chair; and

- a tour led by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development of the Plumber's and Pipefitter's Apprenticeship School and Proposed Pipeline Training Facility.

The AWIB passed four resolutions including:

- Resolution No. 07-05 in support of Registered Apprenticeship per the Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 2-07 from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration received July 12, 2007;
- Resolution No. 07-06 in support of the AGIA Training Strategic Planning Document developed by the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development that will provide Alaskans with training for gas pipeline related positions as specified in Sec. 43.90.470 of AGIA;
- Resolution No. 07-07 in support of the work ready/college ready transitional skills curriculum and benchmark assessments; and
- Resolution No. 07-08 in support of the concept of a Northwest Arctic Region Statewide Magnet School.

The next AWIB meeting is scheduled for February 2008 in Juneau and the dates will be finalized by the Executive Committee at its December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Committees**

- The next Legislative Committee meeting is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- The next AWIB Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Policy and Planning/Assessment and Evaluation Committee meeting is scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Workforce Readiness/Employment and Placement Committee meeting is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All AWIB members are invited to attend.
- A second AWIB Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled for December 2007.

## **Outreach Travel**

No outreach travel since last report.

## **Status of Current Projects**

Staff will be working with the Policy Planning and Assessment and Evaluation Committee, Workforce Readiness and Employment and Placement Committee, and Youth Council to continue their work on the Strategic Planning Documents including milestones, resources, and success measures.

Staff will be working with the Executive Committee to develop criteria for the Vocational Instructor of the Year Award for secondary and postsecondary instructors.

Staff will be working with the Training Plan Template Ad Hoc Committee to develop a template for training plans.

Staff will be working with the Legislative Committee on their priorities for revisions to the AWIB Statute and By-laws and legislation for the upcoming Legislature.

## **AGIA Training Strategic Planning Document**

The AGIA Training Strategic Planning Document was approved by the AWIB under Resolution No. 07-06 and the four strategies contained in the document are currently being reviewed by the Steering Committee. Strategy 1.0 was reviewed by the Steering Committee on November 7<sup>th</sup>, Strategy 2.0 will be reviewed on November 29<sup>th</sup>, Strategy 3.0 will be reviewed on December 12<sup>th</sup>, and Strategy 4.0 on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

The AWIB Ad Hoc Committee will meet on November 20<sup>th</sup> to review Strategy 1.0 and again in mid-December to review Strategy 2.0, 3.0, and 4.0. The Ad Hoc Committee will forward its recommendations to the Steering Committee.

## **Timeline**

November 2007	Four meetings scheduled for November including two Steering Committee meetings, one AWIB Ad Hoc Committee meeting, and one meeting with Regional Training Centers.
December 2007	Three meetings scheduled for December including two Steering Committee meetings and one proposed for the AWIB Ad Hoc Committee.

## **DOL AGIA Website**

AGIA Resource Documents are located at [labor.state.ak.us/agia%5Fteams/](http://labor.state.ak.us/agia%5Fteams/).

The DOL AGIA Resources website has been updated with minutes from committee meetings through October 3, 2007. A copy of the AGIA Training Strategic Planning Document dated October 15, 2007 is posted on the website.